

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Crim. No.
 :
 v. : (Judge)
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 LOGAN COMMUNICATIONS, LLC : ELECTRONICALLY FILED

P L E A A G R E E M E N T

The following plea agreement is entered into by and between the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the above-captioned defendant. Any reference to the United States or to the Government in this Agreement shall mean the office of the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

The defendant and counsel for both parties agree that the United States Sentencing Commission Guidelines which took effect on November 1, 1987, as amended and interpreted by *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), will apply to the offenses to which the defendant is pleading guilty.

1. Waiver of Indictment/Plea of Guilty. The defendant agree to waive indictment by a grand jury and plead guilty to a one count felony information which will be filed against the defendants by the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. That information will charge the defendants with a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1341,

Mail Fraud. The maximum fine for the offense is \$500,000 pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3571(c)(3), and a special assessment of \$400 pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3013(a)(2)(B). At the time the guilty plea is entered, the defendant shall admit to the Court that the defendant is, in fact, guilty of the offense charged in the information. The defendant further agrees that any legal and factual issues relating to the application of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines to the defendant's conduct, including facts that support any specific offense characteristic or other enhancement or adjustment and the appropriate sentence within the statutory maximums provided for by law, will be determined by the court after briefing, or a pre-sentence hearing, or at a sentencing hearing. In the event that the defendant subsequently successfully vacates or sets aside any plea, conviction or sentence imposed, pursuant to this plea agreement, the defendant further agrees to waive any defense to the filing of additional charges which could have been brought against the defendant at the time of this plea based upon laches, the assertion of any speedy trial rights, any applicable statute of limitations, or any other grounds. In the event that the defendant subsequently successfully vacate or set aside any plea, conviction or sentence imposed pursuant to this plea agreement, the defendant further agree to waive any defense to the filing of additional charges

which could have been brought against the defendant at the time of this plea based upon laches, the assertion of any speedy trial rights, any applicable statute of limitations, or any other grounds.

2. Maximum Sentence. The defendant understands that the total, maximum possible sentence for all charges is the combination of penalties described above; that is fines totaling \$500,000 and an assessment totaling \$400.

3. Fine. The defendant understands that the Court may impose a fine pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984. The willful failure to pay any fine imposed by the Court, in full, may be considered a breach of this plea agreement. Further, the defendant acknowledges that willful failure to pay the fine may subject the defendant to additional criminal violations and civil penalties pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3611, *et seq.*

4. Alternative Fine. The defendant understands that under the alternative fine section of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3571, the maximum fine quoted above may be increased if the District Court finds that any person derived pecuniary gain or suffered pecuniary loss from the offense and that the maximum fine to be imposed, if the Court elects to proceed in this fashion, could be twice the amount of the gross gain or twice the amount of the gross loss resulting from the offense.

5. Special Assessment. The defendant understands that the Court will impose a special assessment of \$400, pursuant to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3013. No later than the date of sentencing, the defendant or defendant's counsel shall mail a check in payment of the special assessment directly to the Clerk, United States District Court Middle District of Pennsylvania. This check should be made payable to "Clerk, United States District Court." Counsel for the defendant shall provide a copy of the special assessment check or a Clerk's receipt to the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania at the time of sentencing certifying compliance with this provision of the plea agreement. If the defendant intentionally fails to make this payment, pays with an insufficient funds check, or otherwise fails to comply with any of the requirements of the United States Attorney's Office's Financial Litigation Unit regarding the special assessment, it is understood that this failure may be treated as a breach of this plea agreement and may result in further prosecution or the filing of additional criminal charges, or a contempt citation.

6. Financial Litigation Unit Investigation. The defendant agrees, as a part of this agreement, to submit to interviews by the United States Attorney's Office's Financial Litigation Unit regarding the defendant's financial status. As part of this process, the defendant, whether represented by counsel or not,

consents to contact by and communication with the Financial Litigation Unit, and regarding representation by undersigned counsel, the defendant and counsel consent to contact by and communication with the Financial Litigation Unit and agree to waive any prohibition against communication with a represented party by the United States Attorney's Office regarding defendant's financial status. Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3664(d)(3), the defendant also agrees to complete the required financial affidavit, fully describing the defendant's financial resources within ten (10) days of the guilty plea. The defendant will submit the original affidavit, on forms prescribed by the probation office, to the U.S. Probation Office with a copy to the United States Attorney's office.

7. No Further Prosecution, Except Tax Charges. The United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania agrees that it will not bring any other criminal charges against the defendant and current management and officers directly arising out of the defendants' involvement in the offense described above. However, nothing in this agreement will limit prosecution for criminal tax charges, if any, arising out of those offenses.

8. At the time of sentencing, the United States will recommend that (1) the defendants be placed on probation for a term of 24 months, (2) the court impose the minimum fine within

the applicable guideline range, and (3) the court impose no interest amount with respect to the fine.

9. Specific Sentencing Guidelines Recommendations. With respect to the application of the United States Sentencing Commission Sentencing Guidelines to the defendant's conduct, the parties agree to recommend as follows:

(1) United States Sentencing Commission Guidelines Manual, incorporating guideline amendments effective November 1, 2006, will apply to the calculation of the sentencing guidelines in this case.

(2) Under § 2B1.1 of the applicable manual, the amount of loss is \$72,000.00.

(3) Under § 8C2.3 and § 2B1.1 of the applicable manual, the offense level is 15.

(4) Under § 8C2.4, of the applicable manual the base fine is \$125,000.

The defendant understands that none of these recommendations is binding upon either the court or the United States Probation Office, which may make different findings as to the application of the United States Sentencing Commission Sentencing Guidelines to the defendant's conduct. The defendant further understands that the United States will provide the Court and the United States Probation Office all information in its possession which it or the Court deems relevant to the application of the United States Sentencing Commission Sentencing Guidelines to the defendant's conduct.

10. Mandatory Restitution Act. The defendant acknowledges that, pursuant to the Mandatory Restitution Act of April 24, 1996, Title 18, United States Code, Section 3663A, the Court is required in all instances to order full restitution to all victims for the losses those victims have suffered as a result of the defendant's conduct. With respect to the payment of this restitution, the defendant further agrees that, as part of the sentence in this matter, the defendant shall be responsible for making payment of this restitution in full, unless the defendant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the court that the defendant's economic circumstances do not allow for the payment of full restitution in the foreseeable future, in which case the defendant will be required to make partial restitution payments.

11. Amount of Loss. The defendant agrees that \$72,000 is the amount of the loss resulting from the defendant's actions. The defendant agrees to make full restitution in the amount of \$72,000, in accordance with a schedule to be determined by the court. The defendant further agrees that defendant is jointly and several liable with James O. Romines for this amount and reserves the right to assert any credits or off-sets against this amount for any amounts owed to the defendant by Shaner Hotel Group.

12. Background Information for Probation Office. The defendant also understands that the United States will provide to the United States Probation Office all information in its possession which the United States or the Court deems relevant regarding the defendant's background, character, cooperation, if any, and involvement in this or other offenses.

13. Objections to Pre-Sentence Report. The defendant understands that pursuant to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania "Policy for Guideline Sentencing" both the United States and defendant must communicate to the probation officer within fourteen (14) days after disclosure of the pre-sentence report any objections they may have as to material information, sentencing classifications, sentencing guideline ranges and policy statements contained on or omitted from the report. The defendant agrees to meet with the United States at least five (5) days prior to sentencing in a good faith attempt to resolve any substantive differences. If any issues remain unresolved, they shall be communicated to the probation officer for his inclusion on an addendum to the pre-sentence report. The defendant agrees that unresolved substantive objections will be decided by the court after briefing, or a pre-sentence hearing, or at the sentencing hearing where the standard of proof will be a preponderance of the evidence, and the Federal Rules of Evidence, other than with

respect to privileges, shall not apply under Fed. R. Evid. 1101(d)(3), and the court may consider any reliable evidence, including hearsay. Objections by the defendant to the pre-sentence report or the Court's rulings, will not be grounds for withdrawal of a plea of guilty.

14. Victims' Rights. The defendant understands that pursuant to the Victim and Witness Protection Act, the Justice for All Act, and the regulations promulgated under those Acts by the Attorney General of the United States, crime victims have the following rights:

(a) The right to be reasonably protected from the accused.

(b) The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any public court proceeding or any parole proceeding, involving the crime or of any release or escape of the accused.

(c) The right not to be excluded from any such public court proceeding, unless the court, after receiving clear and convincing evidence determines that testimony by the victim would be materially altered if the victim heard other testimony at that proceeding.

(d) The right to be reasonably heard at any public proceeding in the district court involving release, plea, sentencing, or any parole proceeding. The defendant understands that the victim's comments and recommendations at any of these proceedings may be different than those of the parties to this agreement.

(e) The reasonable right to confer with the attorney for the Government in the case. The defendant understands that the victim's opinions and recommendations given to the

attorney for the Government may be different than those presented by the United States as a consequence of this agreement.

(f) The right to full and timely restitution as provided for by law. The attorney for the Government is required to "fully advocate the rights of victims on the issue of restitution unless such advocacy would unduly prolong or complicate the sentencing proceeding," and the Court is authorized to order restitution by the defendant including, but not limited to, restitution for property loss, economic loss, personal injury, or death.

(g) The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay.

(h) The right to be treated with fairness and with respect for the victim's dignity and privacy.

15. Relevant Sentencing Information. At the sentencing, the United States will be permitted to bring to the Court's attention, and the Court will be permitted to consider, all relevant information with respect to the defendant's background, character and conduct including the conduct that is the subject of the charges which the United States has agreed to dismiss, and the nature and extent of the defendant's cooperation, if any. The United States will be entitled to bring to the Court's attention and the Court will be entitled to consider any failure by the defendant to fulfill any obligation under this agreement.

16. Maximum Sentence. The defendant understands that the Court is not a party to and is not bound by this agreement nor any recommendations made by the parties. Thus, the Court is free

to impose upon the defendant any sentence up to and including the maximum sentence of a fine of \$500,000 and assessments totaling \$400.

17. No Withdrawal of Plea Based on Sentence or Recommendations. If the Court imposes a sentence with which the defendant is dissatisfied, the defendant will not be permitted to withdraw any guilty plea for that reason alone, nor will the defendant be permitted to withdraw any pleas should the Court decline to follow any recommendations by any of the parties to this agreement.

18. Transfer of Case to IRS. The defendant agrees to interpose no objection to the United States transferring evidence or providing information concerning the defendant and/or this offense, to other state and federal agencies or other organizations, including, but not limited to the Internal Revenue Service, law enforcement agencies and licensing and regulatory agencies.

19. Collection Action by IRS. Nothing in this agreement shall limit the Internal Revenue Service in its collection of any taxes, interest or penalties due from the defendant arising out of or related in any way to the offenses identified in this agreement.

20. Rule 6(e) Order for Transfer of Information to IRS.
The defendant agrees to interpose no objections to the entry of

an order under Fed. R. Crim. P. 6(e) authorizing transfer to the Examination Division of the Internal Revenue Service of the defendant's documents, or documents of third persons, in possession of the Grand Jury, the United States Attorney or the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

21. Cooperation with IRS. The defendant agrees to fully comply and cooperate with the Internal Revenue Service by filing all delinquent or amended tax returns by the date of the defendant's sentencing, and to timely file all future returns which may come due during the term of incarceration, probation or supervised release. The defendant also agrees to cooperate with the Internal Revenue Service by furnishing the Internal Revenue Service with all information pertaining to the defendant's assets and liabilities, as well as all documentation in support of tax returns filed by the defendant during the term of any sentence imposed pursuant to this guilty plea. The defendant further agrees to pay all taxes, interests and penalties due and owing to the United States and otherwise fully comply with the tax laws of the United States. The defendant understands, and agrees, that this requirement of full compliance with federal tax laws may be made a condition of any probation or supervised release imposed in this case.

22. Non-Limitation on Government's Response. Nothing in this agreement shall restrict or limit the nature or content of

the United States' motions or responses to any motions filed on behalf of the defendant. Nor does this agreement in any way restrict the government in responding to any request by the court for briefing, argument or presentation of evidence regarding the application of the Sentencing Guidelines to the defendant's conduct, including but not limited to, requests for information concerning possible sentencing departures. The government shall respond to any request by the Court for briefing, argument, or presentation of evidence regarding the application of the Sentencing Guidelines to defendant's conduct, including but not limited to, requests for information concerning possible sentencing departures.

23. Agreement Not Binding on Other Agencies. Nothing in this agreement shall bind any other federal, state or local law enforcement agency.

24. Violation of Law While Plea or Sentence Pending. The defendant understands that it is a condition of this plea agreement that the defendant refrain from any further violations of state, local or federal law while awaiting plea and sentencing under this agreement. The defendant acknowledges and agrees that if the government receives information that the defendant has committed new crimes while awaiting plea and /or sentencing in this case, the government may petition the Court and, if the Court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the defendant

has committed any other criminal offense while awaiting plea or sentencing, the Government shall be free at its sole election to either: A) withdraw from this agreement, or B) make any sentencing recommendations to the Court that it deems appropriate. The defendant further understands and agrees that, if the Court finds that the defendant has committed any other offense while awaiting plea or sentencing, the defendant will not be permitted to withdraw any guilty pleas tendered pursuant to this plea agreement, and the government will be permitted to bring any additional charges which it may have against the defendant.

25. Plea Agreement Serves Ends of Justice. The United States is entering into this Plea Agreement with the defendant because this disposition of the matter fairly and adequately addresses the gravity of the series of offenses from which the charges are drawn, as well as the defendant's role in such offenses, thereby serving the ends of justice.

26. Merger of All Prior Negotiations. This document states the complete and only Plea Agreement between the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the defendant in this case, and is binding only on the parties to this agreement, supersedes all prior understandings, if any, whether written or oral, and cannot be modified other than in writing that is signed by all parties or on the record in Court.

No other promises or inducements have been or will be made to the defendant in connection with this case, nor have any predictions or threats been made in connection with this plea. Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure the defendant certifies that the defendant's plea is knowing and voluntary, and is not the result of force or threats or promises apart from those promises set forth in this written plea agreement.

27. Waiver Allowing Admission of Plea Discussions and Cooperation. In the event that the defendant does not plead guilty, the plea is not accepted by the court, or the plea is withdrawn, the defendant agrees that he hereby waives any protection afforded by U.S.S.G. § 1B1.8(a), Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(f), and Federal Rule of Evidence 410, and that any statements made by him as part of plea discussions or as part of his cooperation with the government will be admissible against him without limitation in any civil or criminal proceeding.

28. Deadline for Acceptance of Plea Agreement. The original of this agreement must be signed by the defendant and defense counsel and received by the United States Attorney's Office on or before 5:00 p.m., June 20, 2008, otherwise the offer may, in the sole discretion of the Government, be deemed withdrawn.

29. Required Signatures. None of the terms of this agreement shall be binding on the Office of the United States

Attorney for the Middle District of Pennsylvania until signed by the defendant and defense counsel and until signed by the United States Attorney.

